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HEY! WHAT IF SHE DIDN'T GO SHOPPIN'?
HOW DO I KNOW SHE AINT OUT DOIN' THE TOWN WITH SOME OTHER JOKER?
I AINT EXACTLY GOT HER UNDER CONTRACT OR NOTHIN'!
DON'T LEAP TO CONCLUSIONS, BEN!
YOU KNOW HOW THAT GIRL FEELS ABOUT YOU!
COME OFF IT, MISTER!
WITH A PAN LIKE MINE, HOW CAN I BE SURE OF ANYTHIN'?!!
BESIDES, WHAT D'YOU KNOW ABOUT IT?
ALL YOU'RE GOOD FOR IS MAKIN' THEM CRUMMY SERUMS OF YOURS--
'CEPTIN' YA NEVER MANAGED TO MAKE ONE THAT'LL GIT ME BACK TO NORMAL AGAIN!!
LOOK, OLD FRIEND-- I KNOW HOW UPSET YOU ARE--
I KNOW HOW MUCH ALICIA MEANS TO--
SHUDDUP!!
FROM WHERE I STAND, YOU DON'T KNOW NOTHIN'!!
TH
BEN!! HOW COULD YOU?!!
REED IS YOUR FRIEND-- YOUR OLDEST--YOUR BEST--YOUR MOST DEVOTED FRIEND!
SURE, SURE! I KNOW ALL ABOUT IT!
BUT THE ONE THING I DON'T NEED FROM HIM--OR FROM ANYONE--IS PITY!!
LET 'IM COOK UP A POTION THAT'LL MAKE ME HUMAN AGAIN--OR ELSE LET 'IM CLAM UP!
I ONLY TAPPED 'IM! HE'LL BE OKAY!
WISH I COULD SAY THE SAME FOR MYSELF.. WITHOUT ALICIA!!
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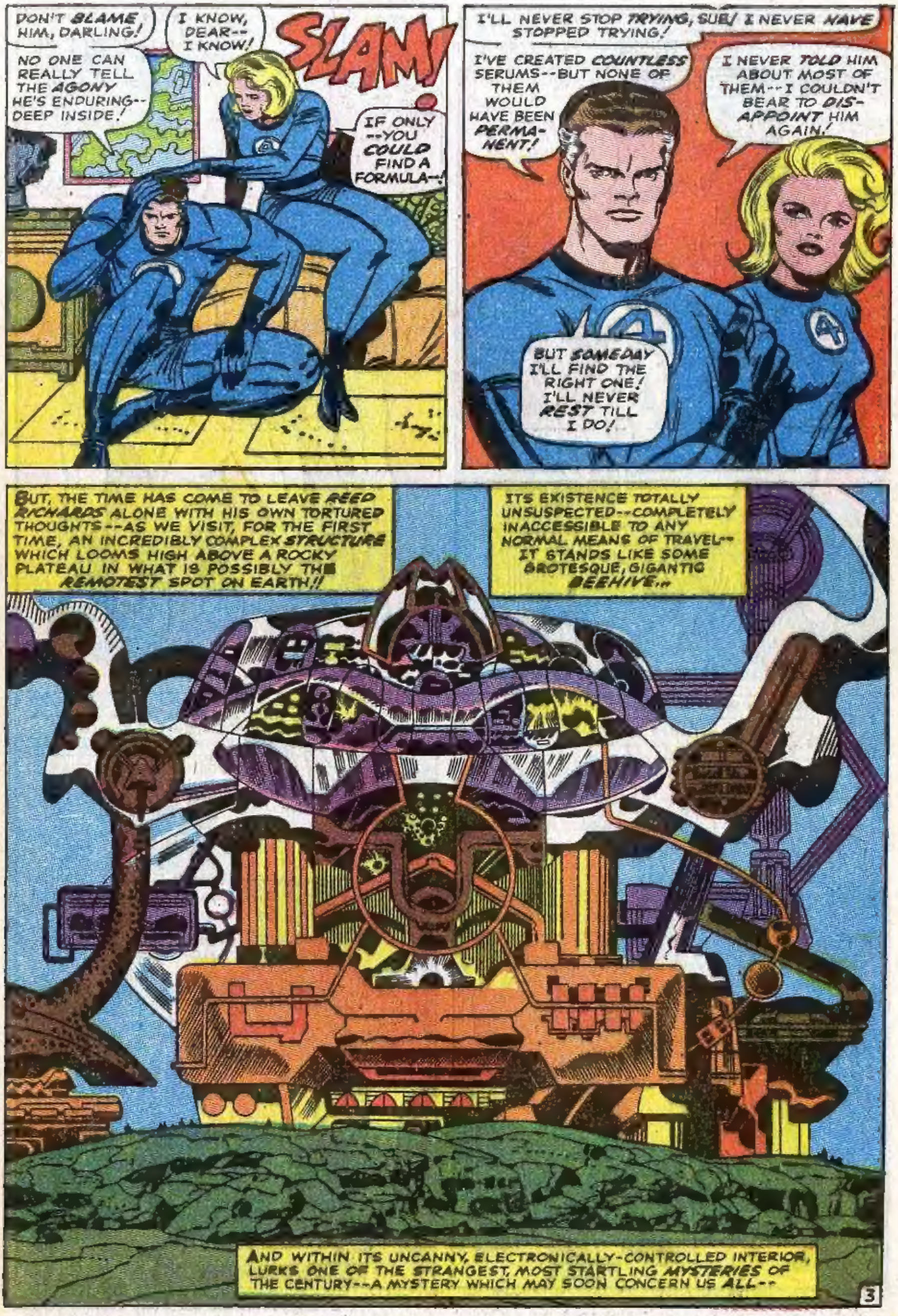

DON'T BLAME HIM, DARLING!
NO ONE CAN REALLY TELL THE AGONY HE'S ENDURING-- DEEP INSIDE!
I KNOW, DEAR-- I KNOW!
SLAM!
IF ONLY --YOU COULD FIND A FORMULA--!
I'LL NEVER STOP TRYING, SUE! I NEVER HAVE STOPPED TRYING!
I'VE CREATED COUNTLESS SERUMS--BUT NONE OF THEM WOULD HAVE BEEN PERMANENT!
I NEVER TOLD HIM ABOUT MOST OF THEM--I COULDN'T BEAR TO DISAPPOINT HIM AGAIN!
BUT SOMEDAY I'LL FIND THE RIGHT ONE! I'LL NEVER REST TILL I DO!
BUT, THE TIME HAS COME TO LEAVE REED RICHARDS ALONE WITH HIS OWN TORTURED THOUGHTS--AS WE VISIT, FOR THE FIRST TIME, AN INCREDIBLY COMPLEX STRUCTURE WHICH LOOMS HIGH ABOVE A ROCKY PLATEAU IN WHAT IS POSSIBLY THE REMOTEST SPOT ON EARTH!!
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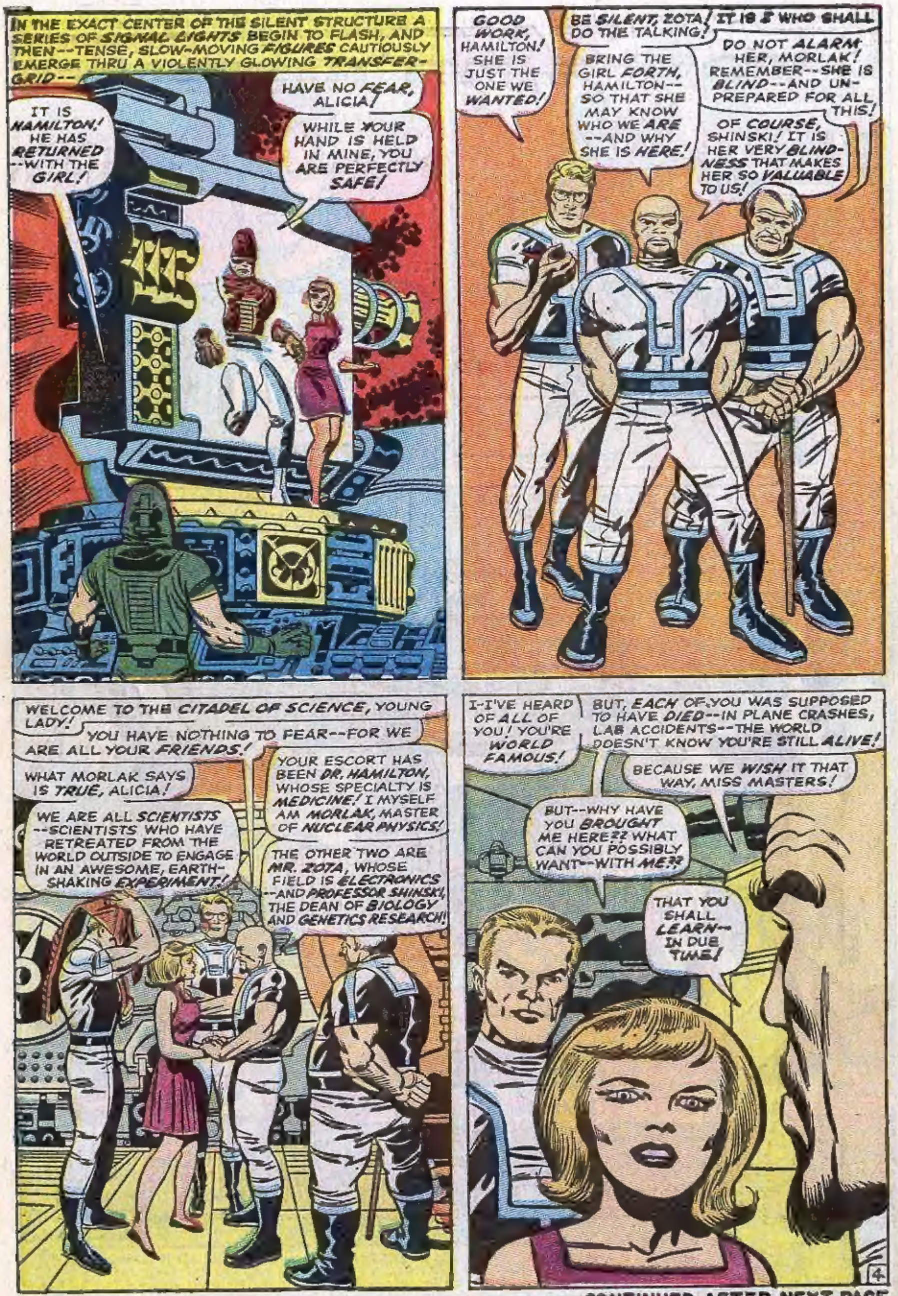

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BEFORE WE EXPLAIN ANY FURTHER, WE MUST PUT YOU TO A LITTLE TEST!
A TEST? WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
ATOP THIS MOVING RAMP, YOU SHALL FIND THE ANSWER! LET US GO!
SECONDS LATER--
YOU ARE STANDING BEFORE A LARGE BLOCK OF GRANITE!
WILL YOU BE SO KIND AS TO SCULPT A BUST--AN EXACT REPLICA OF MY OWN HEAD!
ALTHOUGH YOU ARE SIGHTLESS, YOUR FAME AS A SCULPTRESS HAS EVEN REACHED US HERE, WITHIN OUR HIDDEN CITADEL!
BUT--THINK HOW LONG IT WOULD TAKE--TO CHIP AWAY AT A BLOCK LIKE THIS!
NOT AS LONG AS YOU THINK, MISS MASTERS!
WE HAVE A WAY OF SPEEDING UP THE PROCESS!
BUT FIRST-- YOU MUST TELL US YOUR SECRET...
HOW CAN YOU SCULPT SOMETHING THAT YOU CANNOT SEE?
IT TOOK YEARS OF STUDY--OF PAINSTAKING PRACTICE!
I DO IT BY TOUCH--BY FEELING THE CONTOURS OF MY SUBJECT'S FACE!
VERY WELL! THEN LET US PROCEED!
ZOTA! HAND THE GIRL THE ELECTRONI-BLADE!
TAKE IT, MISS MASTERS! THERE IS NOTHING TO FEAR!
WHY--DO YOU CALL IT--BY SUCH A STRANGE NAME?
TRY IT-- AND YOU WILL UNDERSTAND!
IT SEEMS TO THROB--AS THOUGH FILLED WITH A STRANGE KIND OF ENERGY!
IT'S CUTTING THRU THE SOLID GRANITE AS THOUGH IT'S ONLY BUTTER!
PRECISELY! MERELY ANOTHER OF OUR SOMEWHAT UNIQUE DISCOVERIES!
CONTINUE WORKING! WE SHALL WAIT!
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FOR LONG, TENSE, SEEMINGLY-ENDLESS MINUTES, THE FRAGILE FINGERS OF ALICIA MASTERS MOVE AS THOUGH POSSESSING A WILL OF THEIR OWN, UNTIL-- AT LAST--
YOU MAY COME CLOSER NOW! I AM JUST ABOUT FINISHED!
INCREDIBLE! IT IS BEYOND DOUBT A PERFECT LIKENESS!
THIS MEANS HAMILTON'S CHOICE WAS PERFECT FOR US!
YES!! OUR MISSION MAY NOW PROCEED AS PLANNED!
WE HAVE FOUND THE ONE WE NEED!
BUT, BECAUSE WE FIGURE YOU'VE BEEN SUBJECTED TO ENOUGH COMPOUNDED CONFUSION FOR ONE SITTING, LET'S TAKE A BREATHER AS WE RETURN TO BAD-TEMPERED, BROODING BENJAMIN GRIMM--
EVERYWHERE I GO--EVERYWHERE I LOOK--I GIT REMINDED ABOUT ALICIA!
EVERYONE ELSE HAS A GAL--SOMEONE TO PUT HIS ARMS AROUND--TO MAKE 'IM FEEL LIKE A BLASTED PRINCE CHARMIN'!!
BUT WHERE DOES A--A THING COME OFF ENVYIN' THAT KINDA STUFF?!!
HEARTS 'N FLOWERS IS OKAY FOR EVERYONE ELSE--
BUT THERE AINT MUCH DEMAND FER WALKIN' MONSTERS DOWN IN LOVERS' LANE!
NUTS! WHY DON'T I CUT OUTTA THE WHOLE HUMAN RACE!
OR MEBBE I CAN MAKE IT--IN SOME CRUMMY FREAK SHOW!
WELL, WELL! IF IT ISN'T THE THING! RIGHT ON MY OWN BEAT!
DID YOU LOSE YOUR TOPCOAT, MR. GRIMM?
YOU DON'T USUALLY WALK AROUND TOWN THIS WAY!
WHAT'SA DIFFERENCE WHAT I WEAR?
A COAT AINT GONNA TURN ME INTA ROCK HUDSON!
WHY WOULD YOU WANT IT TO?
YOU'RE MORE FAMOUS THAN ME IS!
LOOK, I DON'T KNOW WHAT'S TROUBLING YOU --BUT IF THERE'S ANYTHING I CAN DO TO HELP--?
THAT'S REAL GENEROUS, PAL--!
HOW ARE YA AT HANDIN' OUT SMALL SCALE MIRACLES ON SHORT NOTICE?

ANYWAY, THE ONE THING THAT BUGS ME IS SYMPATHY!
LOOK! IT'S BIG BEN GRIMM-- RIGHT IN OUR PARK!
HE'S EVEN CUTER IN REAL LIFE THAN IN THE PICTURES I'VE SEEN!
SYMPATHY! WHY WOULD ANYONE SYMPATHIZE WITH YOU? YOU'VE GOT IT MADE! YOU'RE THE STRONGEST ONE AROUND-- YOU HAD THE MOST EXCITING LIFE--AND EVERYONE FLIPS FOR YOU!
C'MON! LET'S GO TALK
WOW! LOOK AT THOSE SHOULDERS!
HE'S A WALKIN' MESS OF MUSCLES!
YA CAN SAY THAT AGAIN! I'M A WALKIN' MESS, ALL RIGHT!
HOW ABOUT YOUR AUTOGRAPH, MR GRIMM?
SOME OTHER TIME
COULD YOU BEND A LAMPPOST OR SOMETHING FOR US??
YEAH! HOW ABOUT IT?
BOYS! GIRLS! COME AWAY FROM HERE!
YOU SHOULDN'T CLUSTER AROUND THE THING THAT WAY!
AT LEAST YER HONEST, LADY! I DON'T BLAME YA FOR NOT WANTIN' THEM KIDS TO GIT TOO CLOSE TO A GARGOYLE LIKE ME!
A GARGOYLE?! YOU?!
OH, NO! YOU HAVE IT ALL WRONG!
I WAS AFRAID THEY WERE ANNOYING YOU! IT WAS YOU I WAS CONCERNED ABOUT-- NOT THEM!
YOU WUZ THINKIN' OF-- ME??
WHY, OF COURSE! I THINK YOU'RE THE BRAVEST, SWEETEST MOST WONDERFUL MAN IN THE WORLD!
I'LL BE THE ENVY OF EVERY FEMALE I KNOW WHEN THEY LEARN THAT I ACTUALLY KISSED YOU!
YOU'RE A LUCKY MAN, BEN GRIMM!
IT MUST BE A WONDERFUL FEELING TO KNOW THAT PEOPLE ALL OVER THINK YOU'RE THE GREATEST!
SHE MEANT IT! SHE-- SHE'D NEVER HAVE KISSED A REAL CRUMB-BUM LIKE THAT!
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YOU CAN'T FOOL ME WITH THOSE CHILDISH ANTICS, MR. STORM!
LISTEN, LADY! FOR THE MILLIONTH TIME, YOU INHUMANS ARE AS HUMAN AS ANYBODY!
YOU'VE JUST GOT SOME NUTTY EXTRA POWERS, THAT'S ALL
EVEN IF I DO HAPPEN TO BE AN INHUMAN!!
OH! NOW I'M NUTTY, AM I?
I DIDN'T MEAN THAT!
GOSH, CRYS-- DON'T TWIST AROUND EVERYTHING I SAY JUST 'CAUSE YOU'RE MAD AT ME!
MAD AT YOU?? WHO'S MAD AT YOU?
OH, YOU'RE NOT, EH?
THAT'S GREAT! THEN C'MON--GIVE ME ONE LITTLE KISS AND WE'LL FORGET THE WHOLE THING!
OH NO!! YOU'RE NOT TRICKING ME INTO THAT!
I DIDN'T REALIZE WHAT I WAS SAYING! I AM STILL MAD AT YOU!!
JOHNNY STORM!! DON'T YOU DARE!!
HEY! WHA--?? LOOK OUT!! --UNNHHH--!!
YOU AND THAT ELEMENTAL POWER OF YOURS!!
TURN OFF THE WHIRLWIND, WILL YA?!!
OH, JOHNNY-- I'M SORRY!
IT HAPPENED BEFORE I COULD STOP IT!
ARE YOU--ARE YOU ALL RIGHT! IF--ANYTHING EVER HAPPENED TO YOU--!!
I'M OKAY NOW, CRYS!
THAT LOOK IN YOUR EYES COULD CURE ME OF ANYTHING!
THUS, HAVING PATCHED UP THEIR LITTLE LOVERS' QUARREL, THE TWO YOUNG PEOPLE LEAVE THE ROOFTOP, ENTERING THE LAB OF MR. FANTASTIC A FEW MINUTES LATER--
HI, REED! 'LO, SIS! WE WERE JUST--
SAY! THAT'S YOUR HEAT-IMAGE TRACER YOU'RE WORKING ON, ISN'T IT?
WHAT'S HAPPENED? SOMEONE MUST BE MISSING! BUT-- WHO??
WHAT EXACTLY IS A "HEAT-IMAGE TRACER"?
WE'D BETTER LET REED EXPLAIN IT, CRYSTAL!
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VERY SIMPLY, IT CAN PROJECT A PICTURE OF SOMETHING WHICH HAPPENED IN THE RECENT PAST--
BY MEANS OF TRACING THE HEAT IMAGES WHICH MAY STILL BE REMAINING IN THE AREA!
THEN YOU DO THINK ALICIA MAY BE IN SOME DANGER, DEAR?
LOOK, HONEY--WE BOTH KNOW SHE'D NEVER STAY AWAY WITHOUT GETTING IN TOUCH WITH BEN!
MOREOVER, SHE'S VANISHED WITHOUT A TRACE--YET HER PURSE WAS STILL IN HER ROOM--
AND, TO TOP IT OFF--ABSOLUTELY NO ONE SAW HER LEAVE!
BUT WE DID, DIDN'T WE? AND WHILE WE'RE AT IT, LET'S SEE WHAT'S DOING BACK AT THE SOMEWHAT SINISTER-SEEMING CITADEL-
THOUGH YOU DO NOT SEE THEM, THERE ARE DEDICATED MEN ALL ABOUT YOU--
EACH PARTICIPATING IN THE MOST AMAZING EXPERIMENT OF ALL TIME!!
BUT, WHAT IS THE EXPERIMENT?
--AND WHY DO YOU NEED ME--A BLIND SCULPTRESS--TO ASSIST YOU??
BECAUSE ONLY SOMEONE WHO IS SIGHTLESS WILL BE ABLE TO--WAIT!!
I HEAR SOMETHING--ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE WALL!
IT CAN'T BE HIM!! IT'S TOO SOON!!
BUT THEN A SPLIT-SECOND LATER--UTTERLY
GET BACK!! BACK!!
TOO LATE! HE'S LOOSE AGAIN!
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GUARDS! GUARDS!! WHERE ARE THE GUARDS!!
HE MUST BE STOPPED NOW--WHILE THERE STILL IS TIME!
WE'RE DONE FOR!! ALL OF US! NOTHING CAN STOP HIM NOW!! WE'RE ALL DOOMED!!
I HEAR THE GUARDS! THEY'RE COMING!! THERE'S STILL A CHANCE!
HE'S IN THE VICINITY OF LOCK 41!
SURROUND THE AREA!! SECURE ALL SAFETY HATCHES! HE MUST NOT BREAK THRU!
THE GIRL!! IS SHE ALL RIGHT??
THE POOR CHILD DOESN'T UNDERSTAND! WE CAN'T KEEP HER IN THE DARK THIS WAY, MORLAK!
AHH, GOOD! GOOD! UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES MUST ANY HARM COME TO HER!-- NOT YET!
I SAY WE TELL HER THE TRUTH! WE HAVE NO CHOICE!
WHAT DIFFERENCE DOES IT MAKE? NOTHING CAN SAVE US NOW! NOTHING!
SHINSKI!! BE SILENT, YOU SPINELESS OLD FOOL!
HE HASN'T GOTTEN TO US YET! GIVEN ENOUGH TIME-- AND THE HELP OF ALICIA MASTERS-- WE MAY STILL BE TRIUMPHANT!
IT'S SO MAD!! SO INSANE! I DON'T UNDERSTAND ANY OF IT!
DO NOT TROUBLE YOURSELF! THIS VITRA-BROTH I'M POURING WILL HELP YOU TO RELAX!
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IT--IS SO SOOTHING! I FEEL--AS THOUGH ALL MY TROUBLES--ARE JUST MELTING AWAY--!
OF COURSE! IT IS ONE OF OUR LESSER, MORE INCONSEQUENTIAL DISCOVERIES!
AND NOW, SINCE YOU HAVE EARNED THE RIGHT TO AN EXPLANATION, YOU SHALL HAVE ONE!
BUT, WHERE SHALL I BEGIN--?
I WILL START WITH OUR PRIME PURPOSE--TO ABOLISH WAR, CRIME, AND ILLNESS--BY CREATING A PERFECT RACE OF HUMAN BEINGS!
CREATE HUMAN BEINGS?? HOW??
THAT WAS WHAT WE HAD TO LEARN!
WE CAME TO THIS REMOTE LAND AND PLEDGED OURSELVES TO THE PROJECT!
WE WOULD NEVER LEAVE--NEVER GIVE UP--UNTIL WE HAD CREATED ONE PERFECT HUMAN--WHO WOULD THEN BE THE FORERUNNER OF A SUPREME NEW RACE!
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OUR INSTRUMENTATION SHOWS THAT HE IS NOW REACHING THE STAGE OF ADULTHOOD!
AT LAST, SHINSK!! AT LAST!!
DO YOU KNOW WHAT THAT MEANS, ZOTA??
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HERE! BUT HURRY-- HURRY!!
IT'S WORKING!! IT'S FORC NG HIM BACK!!
QUICK--PUT ON THE LIGHTS!! LET'S GET A LOOK AT HIM!!
"BUT BEFORE THE SWITCH COULD BE THROWN--"
THOK!
HE'S SMASHING ME AGAINST THE WALL!!
GET ME OUT-- OUT-- BEFORE 'S TOO LATE!
WE MANAGED TO ESCAPE FROM THE CHAMBER WITH SECONDS TO SPARE!
AND NOW--WE CANNOT SEE HIM! FOR HE RADIATES A BLINDING POWER!
BUT, WE NEVER DID GET A LOOK AT OUR SUPREME CREATION!
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THAT IS WHY YOU! ALONE CAN HELP US!!
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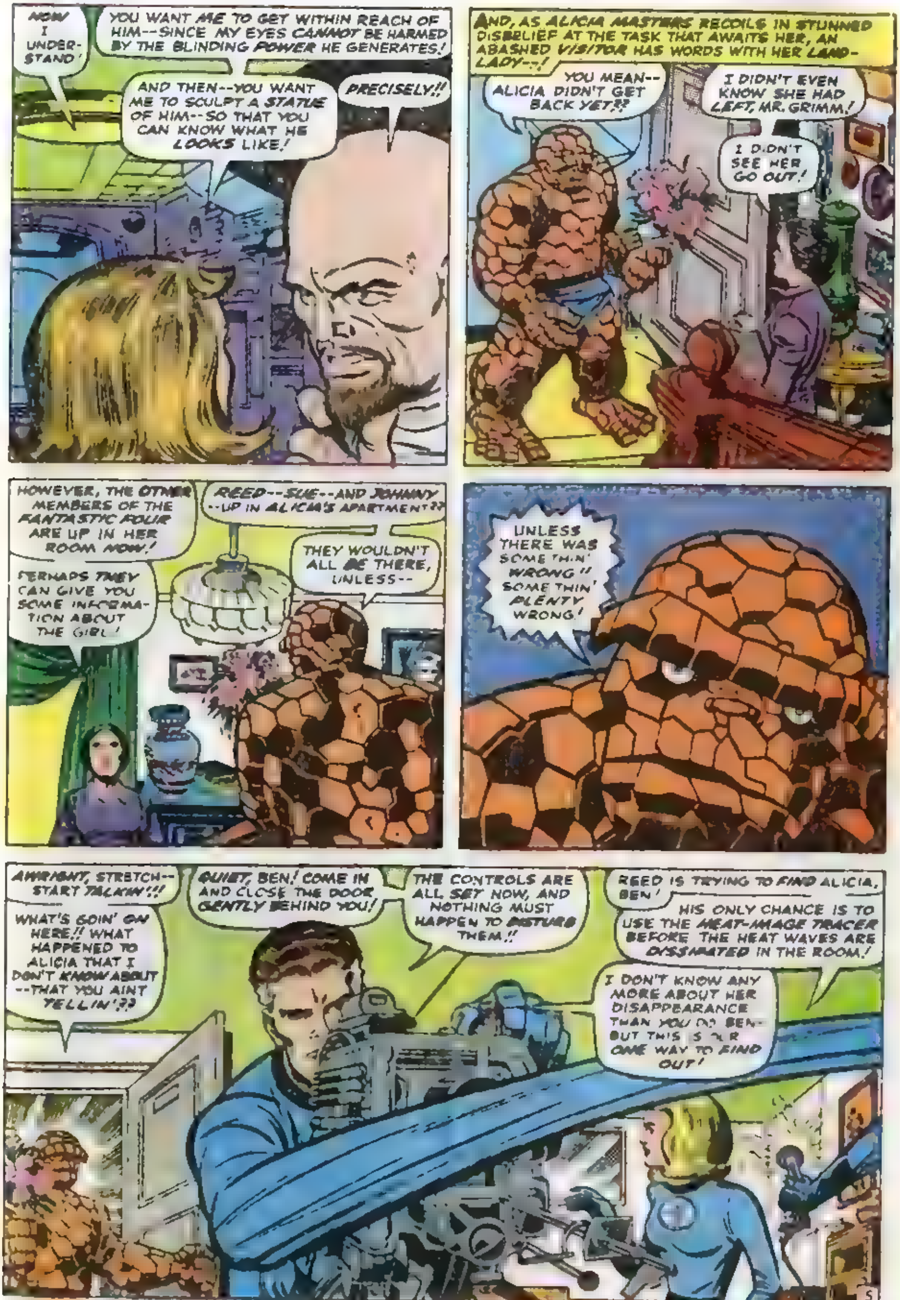
NOW I UNDERSTAND!
YOU WANT ME TO GET WITHIN REACH OF HIM--SINCE MY EYES CANNOT BE HARMED BY THE BLINDING POWER HE GENERATES!
AND THEN--YOU WANT ME TO SCULPT A STATUE OF HIM--SO THAT YOU CAN KNOW WHAT HE LOOKS LIKE!
PRECISELY!!
AND, AS ALICIA MASTERS RECOILS IN STUNNED DISBELIEF AT THE TASK THAT AWAITS HER, AN ABASHED VISITOR HAS WORDS WITH HER LANDLADY--!
YOU MEAN--ALICIA DIDN'T GET BACK YET??
I DIDN'T EVEN KNOW SHE HAD LEFT, MR. GRIMM!
I DIDN'T SEE HER GO OUT!
HOWEVER, THE OTHER MEMBERS OF THE FANTASTIC FOUR ARE UP IN HER ROOM NOW!
PERHAPS THEY CAN GIVE YOU SOME INFORMATION ABOUT THE GIRL!
REED--SUE--AND JOHNNY--UP IN ALICIA'S APARTMENT??
THEY WOULDN'T ALL BE THERE, UNLESS--
UNLESS THERE WAS SOMETHIN' WRONG!! SOMETHIN' PLENTY WRONG!
AWRIGHT, STRETCH--START TALKIN'!!!
WHAT'S GOIN' ON HERE!! WHAT HAPPENED TO ALICIA THAT I DON'T KNOW ABOUT--THAT YOU AINT YELLIN'??
QUIET, BEN! COME IN AND CLOSE THE DOOR GENTLY BEHIND YOU!
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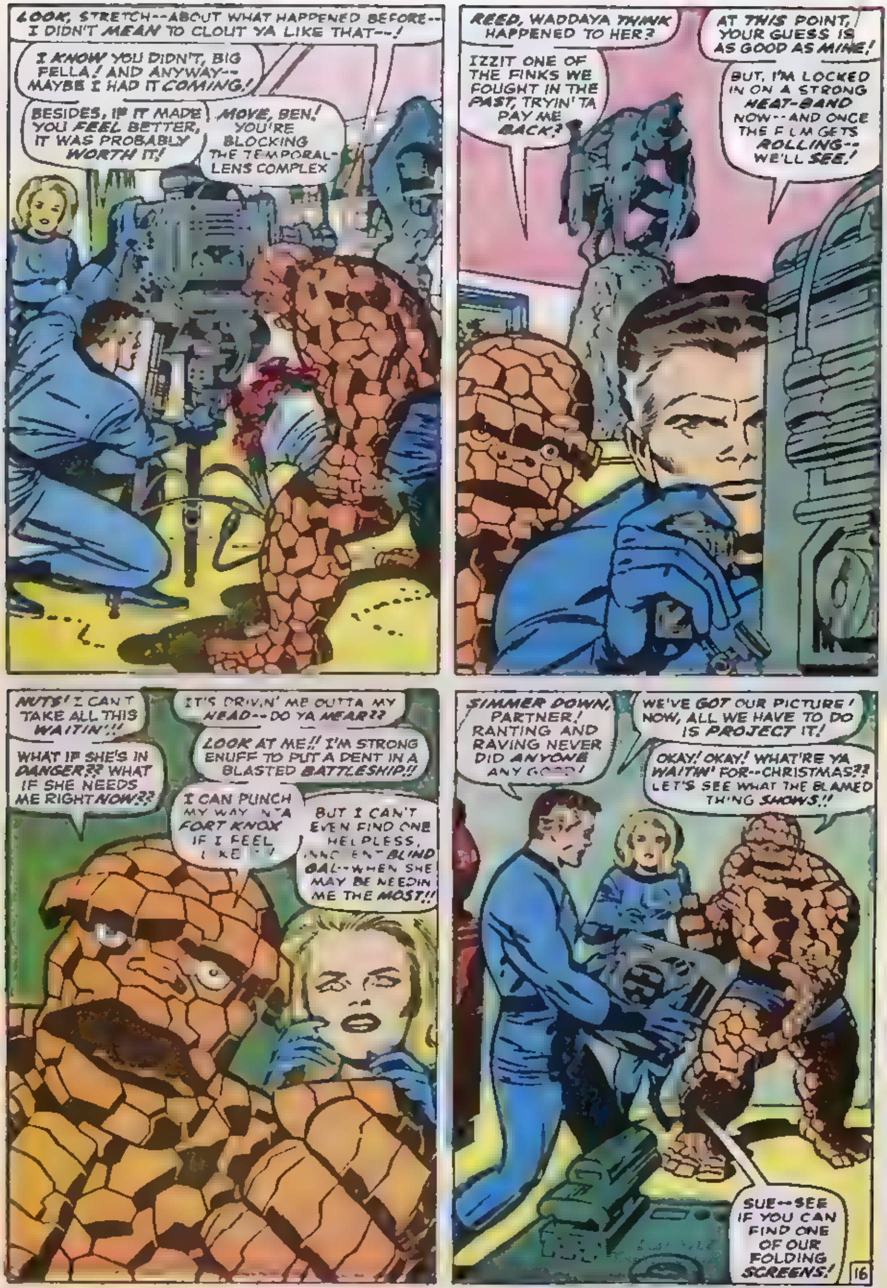
I DON'T KNOW ANY MORE ABOUT HER DISAPPEARANCE THAN YOU DO, BEN-- BUT THIS IS OUR ONE WAY TO FIND OUT!



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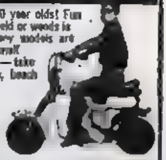

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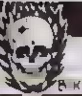

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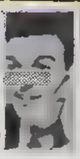

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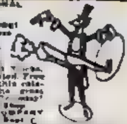

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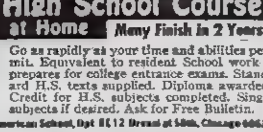

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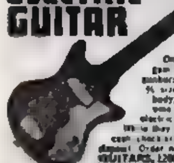

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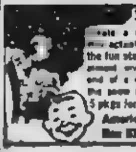

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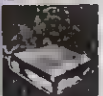

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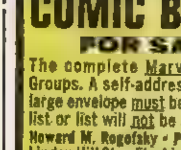

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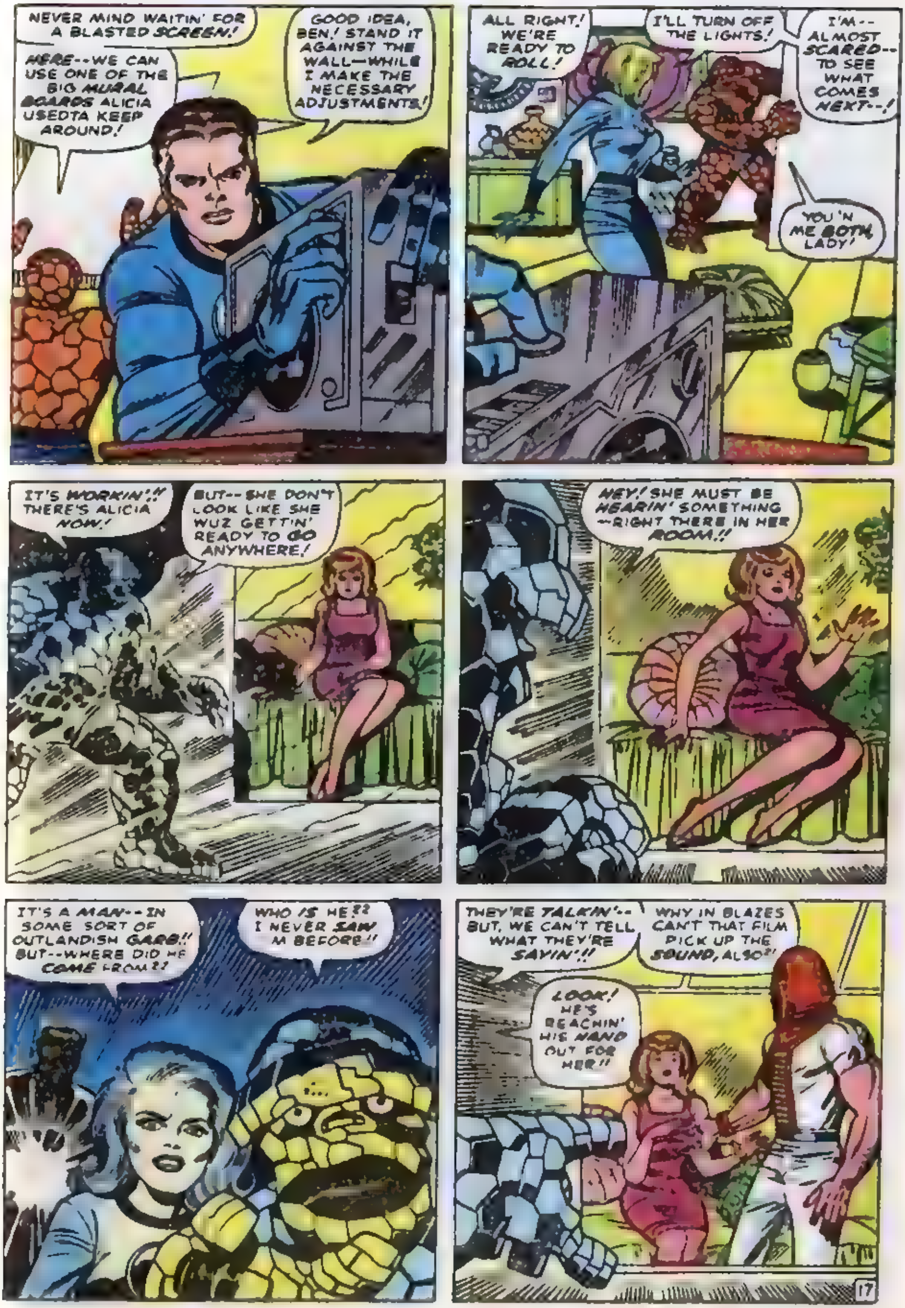
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ALL RIGHT! WE'RE READY TO ROLL!
I'LL TURN OFF THE LIGHTS!
I'M--ALMOST SCARED--TO SEE WHAT COMES NEXT--!
YOU 'N ME BOTH, LADY!
IT'S WORKIN'!! THERE'S ALICIA NOW!
BUT--SHE DON'T LOOK LIKE SHE WUZ GETTIN' READY TO GO ANYWHERE!
HEY! SHE MUST BE HEARIN' SOMETHING --RIGHT THERE IN HER ROOM!!
IT'S A MAN--IN SOME SORT OF OUTLANDISH GARB!! BUT--WHERE DID HE COME FROM??
WHO IS HE?? I NEVER SAW M BEFORE!!
THEY'RE TALKIN'--BUT, WE CAN'T TELL WHAT THEY'RE SAYIN'!!
WHY IN BLAZES CAN'T THAT FILM PICK UP THE SOUND, ALSO?!
LOOK! HE'S REACHIN' HIS HAND OUT FOR HER!!
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IT'S UNCANNY!! THEY'RE BOTH WALKING OUT-- RIGHT THRU THE SOLID WALL!!
BUT WHERE?? HOW CAN I GO AFTER 'EM--IF I DON'T KNOW WHERE HE'S TAKIN' HER?!!
WORRIED AS HE IS, BEN GRIMM MIGHT BE FAR MORE WORRIED IF HE COULD SEE ALICIA NOW-- IF HE COULD KNOW THE DREAD MISSION SHE IS ABOUT TO UNDERTAKE--
I SEE YOU HAVE THE CLAY STRAPPED TO YOUR BACK-- SO YOU CAN MOLD HIS IMAGE ON THE SPOT!
YES, MR. HAMILTON!
I'M ALL READY NOW!
I AM GOING WITH YOU!
REMEMBER--WHATEVER YOU DO--STAY CLOSE TO ME!
I FEEL A WEAPON IN YOUR HANDS!
WHY ARE YOU CARRYING IT?
I WAS TOLD THERE WOULD BE NO DANGER!
HAMILTON!! WHO GAVE YOU PERMISSION TO ACCOMPANY THE GIRL??
THERE IS STILL MUCH WORK TO BE DONE HERE! YOU CANNOT BE SPARED!
I DON'T CARE WHAT YOU MAY HAVE TOLD ALICIA--I WON'T PERMIT HER TO GO ALONE!
I WARN YOU!! YOU'RE BREAKING THE CODE OF CITADEL DISCIPLINE!!
I WAS A MAN BEFORE I BECAME A SCIENTIST! NOW--STAND ASIDE-- ALL OF YOU!!

WHIRRRRR
LOCK 41 IS NOW OPEN, DOCTOR HAMILTON! YOU AND THE GIRL MAY ENTER!
LOCK 41
DO NOT BE AFRAID! WHATEVER HAPPENS--I'LL BE WITH YOU!
AS SOON AS THEY ARE WITHIN--SHUT IT--QUICKLY!!
WE CAN TAKE NO CHANCES!
I KNOW THERE MUST BE MORE--FAR MORE--TO ALL THIS THAN MORLAK TOLD ME!
YOU ARE RIGHT, ALICIA! MORLAK DIDN'T TELL THE WHOLE
THE CREATURE WE SEEK POSSESSES POWERS WHICH WE CAN ONLY GUESS AT!
POWERS SO GREAT THAT NO MAN HAS EVEN BEEN ABLE TO SEE HIM!
STAND BACK--QUICKLY!!
A FLAMING BARRIER IS SHOOTING ACROSS THE TUNNEL WALLS!! IT MUST NOT TOUCH YOU!!
EVEN FROM HERE--I CAN FEEL THE STIFLING HEAT!!
IT'S HIS DOING!! HE KNOWS WE'RE HERE!
THE FLAME BARRIER IS MERELY A WARNING!!
BUT WHY? IF HE'S SO POWERFUL--WHY SHOULD HE BOTHER TO WARN US??
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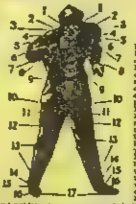

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ITEM! The time has come! 'Tis the merry month of June, and that means the first two of Marvel's sensational SPECIALS are now on sale! Even as you read these spine-tingling words, the great, action-packed SGT. FURY AND HIS HOWLING COMMANDOS SPECIAL has just hit the newsstands with the shattering impact of a B-52 bomb load! When you realize that it features Nick Fury, in the present, as the full chicken-colonel Director of Shield, reuniting his Howlers for a special mission in Viet Nam, you'll know why we urge you to get your copy TODAY! This one's not gonna be around long! And, in case we forgot to tell you—every story, every feature in this year's king-size sensation is ALL-NEW - ALL-ORIGINAL! Then, just to prove how big-hearted we are, we've also issued a [illegible] CIAL, for your sisters, gal friends, and various other fun-and fashion buffs! We know you'll be all shook-up to learn that it, too, is on sale now! And, next month, whatever else you do, don't fail to grab the block-bustin' DAREDEVIL SPECIAL and the equally great AVENGERS SPECIAL! They're both ALL-NEW with ALL-ORIGINAL stories and features—as are the indescribably wonderful FANTASTIC FOUR and SPIDER-MAN SPECIALS which we're bestowing upon you in the following month! Watch these pages for the next two issues to get a more complete rundown on what DD, the AVENGERS, SPIDEY, and the ever-lovin' FF will contain—'cause we're the kinda guys who'll TELL you!

ITEM! We just received a letter that may be of interest to all you Believers who like to save your Marvel mags—so we'll pass it along right now—

> Dear Stan: I have trouble with pages that come loose from too much handling, and have found a way to correct this. Just open the staples and put a piece of transparent tape on the outside cover and in the exact center of the book. Then close the staples again. It preserves the magazine no matter how many times it's read. No more lost pages!—Sincerely, Bud Cavadini, (Cashton, Wisc. 54619).

Many thanks, Bud ol' boy! But just tell us one thing—is it true you're a manufacturer of transparent tape?

ITEM! Once again the time-differential gap is enough to drive us all batty! Here's why—as we write these deathless phrases, we're just about to send the first ish of our nutty new satire mag BRAND ECHH to the printer. But, by the time you READ this page, ish #2 is already on sale! We won't receive any mail from you about the mag for another couple of months (our time), but you're probably starting to flood us with your capricious criticism already (your time)! Anyway, all we're trying to say is—whatever you do, don't dare miss our newest mag—the book that's been called the biggest gamble Marvel—or anyone else—ever attempted! If it isn't a sell-out, everyone we know (including the REAL Brand Echhs) will be saying "We told you so!" And you KNOW how we hate to fall on our faces! (Especially when Irving Forbush is [illegible])

ITEM: Speaking of Honest Irv, your letters have been running about a zillion-to-one in favor of us never showing what he looks like! And we don't mind telling you what a relief that is! After all, how do you present a portrait of a naturally neurotic non-entity? (Sounds like a new idea for a no-prize contest, huh?)

ITEM! Well, looky here! Another letter which you may be interested in—

> Dear Stan: You are making a drastic mistake. Not being content to produce the best-written and best-drawn comics in America, you're allowing Marvel to turn into a fad—due to the tons of merchandise bearing your characters which is on sale all over. If this isn't stopped, Marvel may suffer the fate of all other fads—it may rise in a burst of glory and then fade out until, months from now, Marvel is naught but a memory. Your mags are great enough to stand on their own merit without all the other stuff. Please! I was here when The Marvel Age of Comics began, but I don't want to be here when it ends!—PFC Bruce Long, C-2-1, Ft. Leonard Wood, Missouri

Bruce, buddy—we really appreciate your concern, but we have a feeling the end isn't quite in sight yet. One thing you must have noticed—no matter what novelties and nick-nacks are produced bearing the Marvel imprint—and we think they're all kinda swell—it doesn't in any way affect the stories or artwork in our award winning mags. For the Merry Ones who enjoy model kits of our characters—or records—or games—or sweatshirts—or coloring books—or almost anything you can name, we've got 'em in abundance. But, for those who are interested solely in the Marvel mags themselves, we're working as hard as ever—and as enthusiastically as ever—to produce the best darned illustrated epics the world has ever seen! Isn't that really all that counts? So long as we can continue turning out the type of thrillers our rollickin' readers enjoy, there's no reason for anyone to become a Marvel dropout! And, the day we start to slip—the day we start giving you less than our best, then we deserve whatever happens! Fair enough?

STAN'S SOAPBOX!

[illegible]e've said it before—and we've gotta [illegible]! We love your letters! It's a real kick hearing from you! We're overwhelmingly touched by the interest you [illegible] e we get to read it. So, fro[illegible] he bottom of our hearts to the top o[illegible] letters down to just one page or less! [illegible]he notepaper manufacturers may not [illegible]ike it, but it just may allow us a little time to write a story or two between applying our eye-drops! Okay? Thanks, tiger—we knew you'd understand

THE MIGHTY MARVEL CHECKLIST

Marvel-ous Mags on Sale Right Now!

BRAND ECHH #2: Nuttier and more exciting than ever! Spidey-Man vs Gnatman and Rotten! Knock Furious, Agent of Sheesh, vs. Blunder Agents! Ironed-Man vs. Magnut, Robot-Biter! You've never seen anything like it!

SPIDER-MAN #52: The unbelievable development in the battle with the Kingpin is too daring, too dramatic, too dazzlingly different to be described in this column! It's called "Death Of A Hero!" and the title's no put-on! It's really gonna rock you!

AVENGERS #43: See Hercules and Hawkeye [illegible] the Bamboo Curtain! See Quicksilver develop a new, startling super power! See the introduction of the evil Red Guardian! See action as only Marvel can dish it out!

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STRANGE TALES #160: Nick Fury and his SHIELD stalwarts battle a vociferous new villain during the big black-out of 1965—and with help from Captain America, yet! While, after a disastrous defeat at the hands of Mordo, Dr. Strange and the entire earth face obliteration by the Living Tribunal! Talk about mind-snappers!

SUSPENSE #93: See Iron Man suffer his greatest defeat—at the hands of a giant whose true identity will knock you for a loop! As for Captain America, has he finally invaded the lair of A.I.M. to rescue SHIELD'S loveliest agent—only to lose her forever?

ASTONISH #95: Wait'll you meet the manless menace from Skull Island as he tackles Sub-Mariner with his invincible super-submarine! But what of the Hulk? How can he face the threat of a deadly madman's alien weapon when he himself is helpless on the lost planet?

SGT. FURY #45: In one of the most off-beat war sagas of all time, the hard-hitting Howlers rescue an important General's son—only to be brought to the brink of disaster by . . . THE WAR LOVER. 'Nuff Said!

FANTASY MASTERPIECES #10: This is the Golden-Age gas everyone's been demanding—the All-Winners Squad, featuring Captain America, the Human Torch, Sub-Mariner, Miss America, and the Whizzer—in a 43-page action epic destined to become the most talked-about reprint of the decade!

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Let's meet 26 more M.M.M.S. members!

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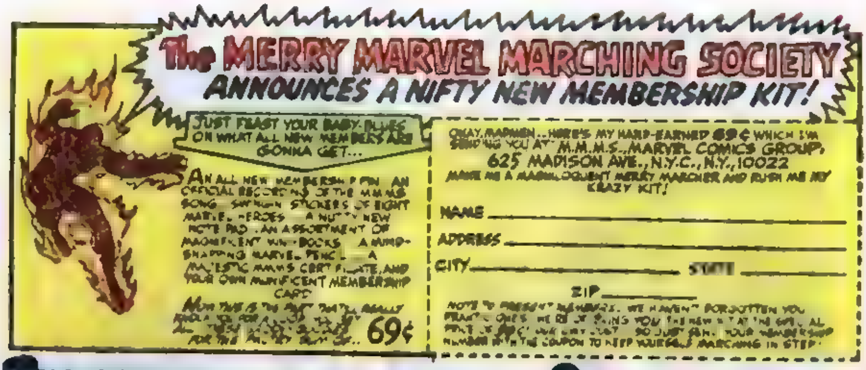

Fantastic Four Fan Page

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Dear Stan and Jack,

I'm just a little bit infuriated at the fact that on the cover of F.F. #62 you distinctly portrayed my favorite super-guy, the Silver Surfer, as if he were Stretcho's savior. In reality, he wasn't in any way included in the plot. This greatly disappointed me because not only has he been a sucker for every bad guy in creation, but now it appears that he is being used for publicity purposes only. Please give ol' Surfy a break in the future. Incidentally, the mag was incomparable as usual.

Patrick Guerin, 2835 Coddington Ave.
New York, N. Y. 10461

Pat, ol' pal, we owe you a giant, economy-sized apology—as well as owing the same apologia to Bill Lewis, Menasha, Wisc., Chas. Parkins, W. Bridgewater, Mass., and a whole kaboodle of other frantic fans who have complained about the same thing. Here's the straight scoop on how it happened . . . we never meant to fool anyone—honest to Irving! In order to save the identity of Triton for a surprise, and not give it away on the cover, we tried to color him in a vague, hard-to-recognize manner. We told the engraver to put a soft, hazy, grey color over him—so that no one could tell who he was. However, due to an oversight somewhere along the line, he was colored more white than grey, making him resemble the Silver Surfer. But, it wasn't the way we planned it. And, in order to get back on the good side of you SS buffs, we're featuring Surfy in a full-length yarn of his own in the great new FF SPECIAL, on sale the beginning of August! How's that for making amends? (—And for making a few extra shekels via some free advertising!!!)

Dear Stan and Jack,

I just had to write after reading F.F. #62. Pages 4 and 5 were the greatest. The shock and feeling of helplessness that gripped the three when their leader seemed lost was like a living thing. Sue's emotions particularly were very well handled. It all seemed so realistic, a characteristic that belongs to Marvel. In all, it was one of your greatest. I think that Roy Thomas is doing great work. The X-Men have improved tremendously, and I'm looking forward to seeing how he handles the Juggernaut. Jim Steranko is doing great art and plot work on Shield, but the Heli-carrier is up in the sky 'way too high, considering its means of locomotion. Oh, by the way, I'm a good way from home since the last time I wrote you. I have a teaching fellowship here in mathematics and it was really comforting to walk downtown and find my favorite brand of literature (Marvels) in the comic book rack. After a week of studying topology, advanced calculus, and group therapy, it's nice to relax with a Marvel. Stan, hang tight, you're outta sight.

Lee Vercoe, Gillum 309, Indiana State Univ.
Terre Haute, Ind. 47809

Lee, no fuss—you're one of us!

Dear Stan and Jack,

"And One Shall Save Him!"—issue #62—hit me like a windstorm. One thing kind of disappointed me though. That was the long-awaited reunion of Crystal and Johnny. Of course, after the terrible shock concerning Mr. Fantastic you can't expect much but the Torch acted as though he sees her every day. Oh, well, at least they're together. In the letters page a fan wrote in a great idea about having five extra pages in the F.F. mag about the Inhumans, Black Panther, Wyatt, and the Silver Surfer. But please, don't have anyone else join the F.F. (Well, maybe you could consider Aunt Petunia and Irving Forbush.) By the way, when did Susie get the power of her invisible force field and of turning other people and things invisible? Needless to say, I adore and worship Marvel! I think Irving should remain our unseen idol though. But I do wish you would let us see Aunt Petunia! I think the Inhumans are one of the greatest super powered teams ever created. The reason for this is not only their powers, but, also, their human weaknesses and problems. It's uncanny how Medusa's strange hair power can change her from being a dangerous member of the Frightful Four to being a lovely creature in love with the majestic Black Bolt. Now for a parting question—what does the "J" in Ben Grimm's name stand for??

Nancy Chapman, Rt. #2, Box 112
Pomona, Mo. 65553

It seems to us that we've had that question tossed at us for years, Nan—and, as far as we can remember, we never did come up with an answer. So, it looks like you've given us another earth-shaking idea for a nation-wide No-Prize contest! Let's hear it, True Believers—someone out there in Marveldom must know what Bashful Benjamin's middle initial stands for — and, if so, the least you can do is clue us in!

Dear Stan and Jack,

Stupendous! Sptoom! Thoom! Ztok! Thwump! Drrkk! Zap! These are my precise sentiments about F.F. #62. Not

only did you guys go overboard on this cataclysmic catalogue of calamity, but you must have broken every comic-making rule in history! Your story, Stan, was so hard-hitting and dramatic that I nearly thought it was real! And the artwork was like wow! That double-page combination photograph-and-cartoon spread was the living end. King Kirby is positively the most creative action artist to date. Another thing I liked was the fabulous Sinnott inking. Not only does Joe bring out the sharp details in the King's art but his shading techniques are unbelievable. Keep it up! Finally, I'd like to say thanks for an overall superb comic book. It has given me great enjoyment and greater inspiration. May the next ish be even more glorious and may all you madmen stand in the halls of greatness forever more. 'Nuff said! Reginald Klassen, 432 Dallyn Rd. Richmond, B.C., Canada

"May the next ish be even more glorious," eh? Then #62 wasn't glorious enough for you, eh? It's like we always say, Reg—you just can't please some guys! *Cheese!*

Dear Stan and Jack,

You might have refrained in F.F. #61 from calling Reed's actions a "sacrifice". If a man loves another person or several other people enough so that life without them would be unbearable, his dying to save them is not a sacrifice since he would lose much less through oblivion, or whatever else comes after death, than by remaining alive through years of unhappiness. It is self-sacrifice to give up that which you love–another person, an ideal, or anything else–for that which is merely easy and convenient. There is really no good word for giving up that which is convenient and easy for that which you love, but it is not self-sacrifice–and it has been the essence of the noblest moments in our people's history. It deserves a better word than self-sacrifice. Bill Stoddard,, P.O. Box 7 Bonita, Cal. 92002

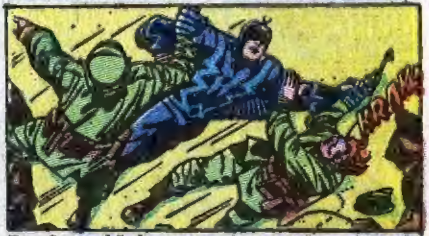
Wow! If we ever thought that our carefree use of one single word might cause such a fuss, we'd probably be too nervous ever to write another story! Up till the time we received your passionately profound paean of philosophy, Bill, we were under the impression that a cat who offers his life to save others is making a sacrifice of sorts—however, we must admit you brought up a valid point—and now we're more confused than ever! So, let's wait a while and see what our fellow Believers have to say about this monumentally meaningful matter! Okay?

Dear Stan and Jack,

There are two points I would like to get straightened out. The first is how many lost civilizations are there in the Earth? In previous F.F. books there's been a super-villain called the Mole Man who has a city under the earth's surface. Then in an early Hulk yarn, there's a nut who call himself Tyrannus who also has an underground civilization. And in SUSPENSE #43 a queen called Kala had another lost city. How many more are there?? My second point is: why doesn't the Silver Surfer have his own mag? After all, he is a new super super-hero!

Dennis Harrison, 157 Portman St. Windsor, Conn.

All we can say about Surfy is—don't despair, Den—you'll be seeing lots more of him in various mags from time to time, until that great and glorious day when we proudly proclaim—but, why go on? You know the bit as well as we do. It'll be when you least expect it—for such is the mildly munificent manner of mixed-up Marvel! As for the lost civilizations under the surface, we're gonna ask a better authority than ourselves—so, as soon as we can dig up the phone number of a lad named Tolkien—!

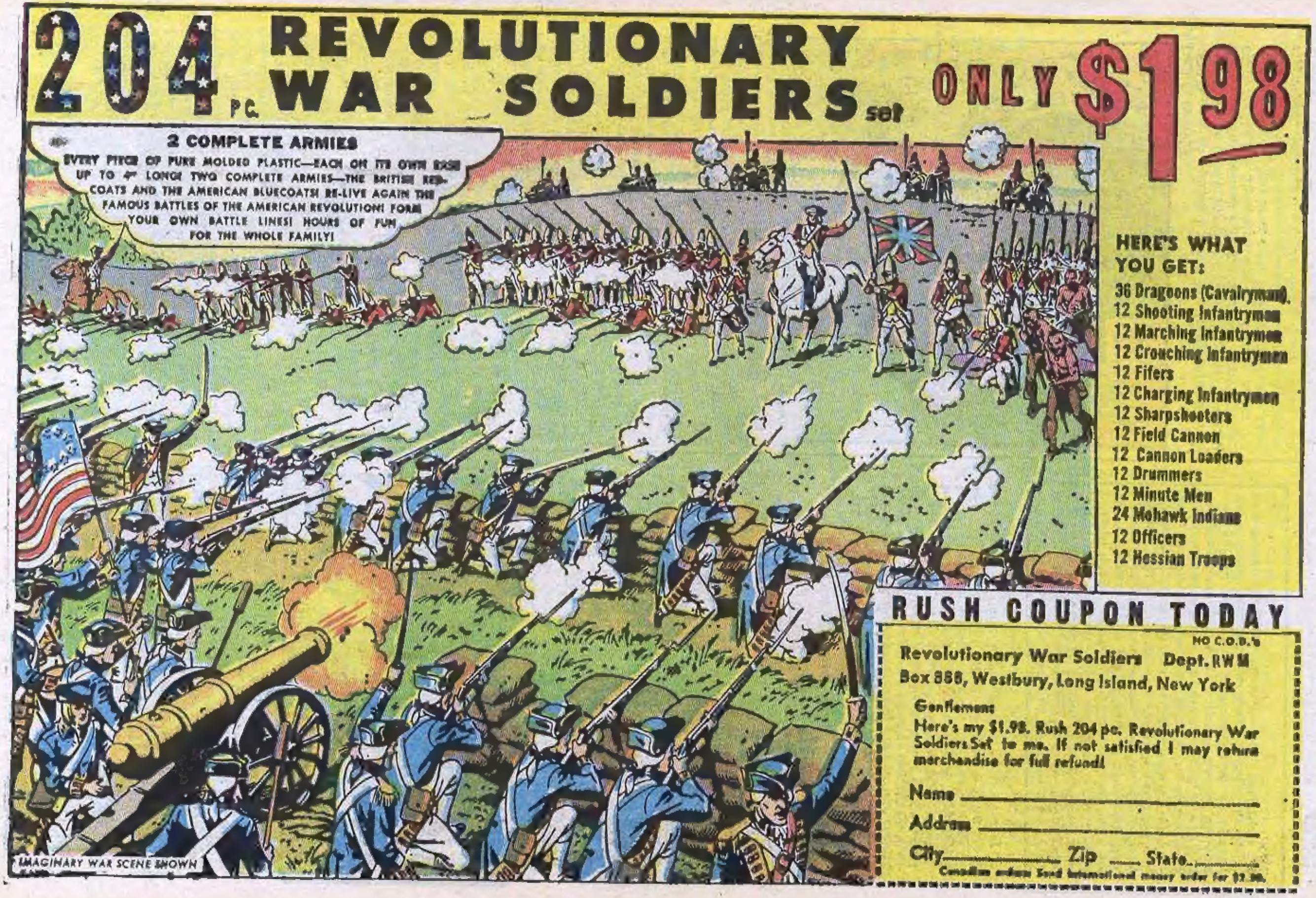


Dear Stan and Jack,

Back in issue #62 one fan stated that Reed was smarter than the dear Doctor Doom because he had a stronger mentality (as stated by you in F.F. ANNUAL #2). This is pure hogwash. Stronger mentality means that Reed has more drive and force in his mind, not intelligence. I say that unless Doc Doom was smarter than Reed, he would be creamed by the F.F. Thus Doc must be smarter than Reed! You guys should be proud. Recently at an art exhibition at Fountain Valley, we had two pictures of Spidey and Thor hanging on the wall. I love the Inhumans but don't give them their own mag just yet–develop them a little more. I have figured out powers for Triton and Crystal–Triton has control over pressure and a type of pressure-sense, Crystal has control over wind, air, and water in a limited sense. So, until the day when there is not a Marvel mag on the Fountain Valley campus, may honest Irv never step on the Thing's toes–except to get him to face front! Rick Lewis, 1621 Vista Place Colorado Springs, Colo. 80908

To which we say a fervent Amen, Rick ol' boy! And, y'know something? If you say that Doomsie is smarter than Stretcho, we're not gonna belabor the point! After all, you're obviously a paying customer — and, the way Brand Echh is breathing down our collective neck, we're not about to antagonize any titanic twelve-cent-spender. Actually, we haven't had time to subject Doc and Reed to an intensive I.Q. testing program—but as soon as we can catch the two of 'em together, in a responsive mood, we'll see what we can do—and you fearless Fountain Valley fanatics will be the first to know! So, hang loose, heroes — don't ever look back!

NEXT ISH: Sound the trumpets! Roll the drums! Tinkle the bells—and toot the kazoos! The time is come! Majestic Marvel is about to unleash its newest—and possibly its most dramatic—super character! So far, we've referred to him merely as—HIM! But, next ish, you'll get the entire message, in one of the most mind-expanding, eyeball-popping thrillers of the year! The action is exceeded only by the suspense—which is exceeded only by the mystery—which is exceeded only by the many surprises! In other words, what we're trying to say is—FF #67 is somewhat better than average—and, here at Marvel, even "average" is like a literary h-bomb! But now, we'll cut out, before you start questioning our humility! So, till Bashful Ben no longer heads the list of the world's best-dressed men, Face front!—There's a little bit of Forbush in all of us!



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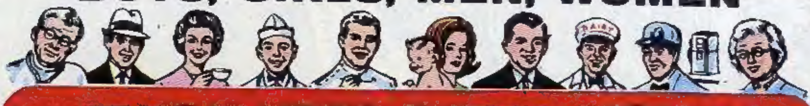

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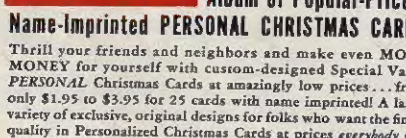

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